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SUBJ: PROPOSED SYRIAN PALESTINIAN JOINT COMMAND AND VINOGRADOV

MISSION TO JORDAN

REF: LONDON 4331

- 1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU AMMAN 1665 (EXDIS) AND AMMAN 1760 ON VINOGRADOV MISSION TO JORDAN.
- 2. U.K. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSIDOUS IN PURSUING INFO ON VINOGRADOV MISSION HERE AND MAY BE INCLINED TO READ MORE INTO IT THAN WE BELIEVE IT MERITS. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED MISSION BOTH OFFICIALLY WITH GOJ AND THROUGH UNILATERAL RESOURCES AND WE BELIEVE MISSION WAS LARGELY EXPLORATORY IN NATURE, AND ESSENTIALLY DESIGNED TO HAVE SOME DIRECT HIGH LEVEL USSR DIALOGUE WITH GOJ AFTER LONG PERIOD OF NON-CONTACT AS PART OF GENERAL SOVIET CONSIDERATION MIDEAST SITUATION.
- 3. ALTHOUGH VINAGRADOV APPARENTLY IMPRESSED JORDANIANS WITH SOVIET INTEREST IN MOVING MIDEAST CONFIDENTIAL

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SITUATION IN PEACEFUL DIRECTION, ONLY SUBSTANTATIVE

MATTER APPARENTLY BROACHED WAS SOVIET REQUEST (AND JORDANIAN DEMURRAL) FOR JORDANIAN ATTENDANCE AT MIDEAST CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

4. ONLY OTHER MATTER OF INTEREST WAS SEMI-OFFICIAL AMMAN NEWSPAPER AR-RAYY ARTICLE (AMMAN 1760) MAKING IMPROBABLY ALLEGATION (GIVEN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PLO) THAT VINOGRADOV STATED USSR RECOGNIZE JORDAN AS LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF WEST BANK. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS OFFICIALLY DENIED IT INSPIRED ARTICLE, WE JUDGE FROM PM RIFAI'S REMARKS TO US CONCERNING IT THAT GOJ PROBABLY INTENDED TO GIVE VINOGRADOV SOME DISCOMFITURE VIS-A-VIS THE PLO IN CONNECTION WITH SOVIET COURTING OF GOJ TO CONTINUE ITS ROLE IN GENEVA MIDEAST NEGOTIATING FORUM. FAR FROM AGREEING TO ANY SOVIET MIDEAST INITIATIVE, WE READ JORDANIAN ACTIONS AS ATTEMPTING TO DISCREDIT THE SOVIETS IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GET JORDAN TO GENEVA, PRESUMABLY AS SOME SORT OF A STALKING HORSE FOR THE SOVIET FAVORITES, THE PLO. PICKERING

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